

Clark County Coroner
1704 Pinto Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89106
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AUTOPSY REPORT

Case Number: [REDACTED]

October 2, 2017

POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF



Date of death: October 2, 2017 at 0545 hours

Date of examination: October 2, 2017 at 2040 hours

IDENTIFICATION: The body is identified by a tag on the right great toe bearing the decedent's name and case number.

WITNESSES: Assisting is Forensic Technician Suzanne. There are no outside observers.

CLOTHING: The body is unclad when initially viewed. A pair of blue jeans, black sweater, red boxers, socks and boots accompanies the body.

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL THERAPY: None.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

Injuries are described in a separate section below.

GENERAL: The body is that of a normally developed, well-nourished, [REDACTED] male appearing consistent with the listed age of [REDACTED] years. The length is 66 inches, and the weight is 179 pounds as received. The body is well preserved, cold, and has not been embalmed. Rigidity is fully developed in the jaw and extremities. Lividity is pink-purple, non-blanching, and in a posterior distribution.

HEAD: The scalp is covered with brown hair measuring up to 1/4 inch on the top of the head. There is a beard on the face. The ears are normally formed with bloody drainage. The earlobes are not pierced. The irides are blue, the corneas are clear, and the bulbar and palpebral conjunctivae free of petechiae. The sclerae are white. The nose is intact, and the nares are unobstructed. The lips are normally formed. The teeth are natural and in good

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condition.

NECK: The neck is symmetrical and without injury.

CHEST AND ABDOMEN: The chest is normally formed, symmetrical, and without palpable masses. The abdomen is flat and soft. No masses are palpable.

EXTERNAL GENITALIA: The external genitalia are those of a circumcised adult male with both testes palpable in the scrotum.

BACK: The back is straight and symmetrical. The anus is atraumatic.

ARMS: The arms are normally formed. No needle punctures, track marks, or ventral wrist scars are seen. There is dried blood on the posterior aspect of the hands. The fingernails are cut short and clean and do not extend beyond the fingertips.

LEGS: The legs are normally formed and without edema, amputation, or deformity. The toenails are trimmed short and are clean.

BODY MARKINGS (SCARS AND TATTOOS): None identified.

EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL EVIDENCE OF INJURY

There is a penetrating gunshot wound of the head. Directions are stated with reference to standard anatomic positions.

PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND OF HEAD:

ENTRANCE: There is an entrance gunshot wound on the right side of the forehead. It is centered 3 inches below the top of the head and 3/4 inch right of midline. It is a 1/8 inch diameter defect with a 1/16 inch rim of abrasion with drying of the wound edges. No soot or stippling is identified.

PATH: The projectile enters the forehead, injuring the brain, fracturing the skull and fragmenting into multiple small pieces.

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DIRECTION: Front-to-back and right-to-left without significant up/down deviation.

OTHER INJURIES: There is a 1/2 x 1/4 inch purple contused abrasion on the left knee.

SPECIMENS RETAINED

TOXICOLOGY: Peripheral blood and vitreous humor are retained for toxicology. Toxicological testing detected ethanol (0.115 g/100mL).

HISTOLOGY: No tissue is retained.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Digital identification photographs, overall external body photographs, and photographs of the injuries are taken.

RADIOGRAPHS: Full body radiographs are taken and show multiple small metallic fragments in the skull and multiple skull fractures.

OPINION

Based on the examination findings and the circumstances surrounding the death, as currently understood, the cause of death is **gunshot wound of head**, and the manner of death is **Homicide**.

CAUSE OF DEATH: This [REDACTED]-year-old [REDACTED] male, [REDACTED], died as a result of a gunshot wound of the head.

MANNER OF DEATH: HOMICIDE.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Corneal", written over a horizontal line.

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Date signed: 12/20/17